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Celebrate Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) will take place April 21st through April 28th. CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) and national partners will be kicking off nationwide efforts to promote infant immunization with events in Nevada (featuring Assistant Surgeon General Dr. Anne Schuchat of CDC), Colorado (featuring NCIRD's Deputy Director, Melinda Wharton), and the border town of McClellan, Texas (featuring Deputy Director of the Immunization Services Division Jeanne Santoli). Join health departments and other partners across the country in celebrating NIIW with vaccination clinics, media events, public awareness campaigns, and much more. English and Spanish-language campaign resources including television and radio public service announcements, print ads, and posters are available on line at <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/events/niiw/default.htm>. New materials including matte articles from Assistant Surgeon General Dr. Anne Schuchat, public relations tools, and educational materials to help providers answer parents' questions about vaccines are also available online at the NIIW website. Find out what others are doing to celebrate NIIW by visiting <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/events/niiw/2007/07activities.htm>.

If your organization is planning any *National Infant Immunization Week* (NIIW) Activities, CDC is interested in hearing from you. To add your event, please visit http://www.cdc.gov/nip/events/niiw/2007/activity_form.htm.

VFC Vaccine Update

Please remember to order MMR and varicella vaccines in place of ProQuad vaccine until further notice. Also, continue to order HPV vaccine on the separate HPV order form and only order a one month supply. State supplied HPV vaccine can only be given to VFC eligible girls who are:

- on Medicaid
- have no insurance
- are American Indian or Alaskan Natives

(Rural Health Centers and Federally Qualified Health Centers can still administer all VFC vaccines to those patients who have insurance that does not cover immunizations)

Just a reminder!! Influenza vaccine pre-booking orders should be faxed to this office by 5/11/07.

Immunization Program Staff News

The Immunization Program is sad to announce the resignation of Jeri Taylor. Jeri was one of our Trainer/Educators and will be greatly missed. Robert Bruce Scott will join the Immunization Program on April 23rd. Robert comes to us with significant public health and state health department experience. He will be the manager of the Perinatal Hepatitis B and the Education/Training Programs. Watch the *Vaccine E-Letter* for his contact information.

Upcoming Teleconferences

Sanofi Pasteur cordially invites you to participate in an educational Meningitis program via teleconference:

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Call in Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Dr. Armando Correa	877-209-0397	4/16/07	12:00pm
Dr. Charles Woods	800-762-6568	4/17/07	12:00pm
Dr. Tina Tan	866-230-1089	4/18/07	12:00pm
Dr. Richard Feldman	800-553-0273	4/19/07	12:00pm
Dr. Chris Belcher	800-553-5260	4/20/07	12:00pm

- When calling, please ask for either the “Menactra call” or “Review of Meningococcal Disease call”
- Please dial-in promptly to ensure you are connected, the speaker will begin at 12:00 and provide the educational talk and then be available for a Q&A period.
- Be prepared to give your name and city that you are calling from.
- Please contact Aaron Spence at (317) 691-9877 or aaron.spence@sanofipasteur.com to RSVP for any program.

****Important: All teleconferences are at noon EST****

CDC Publishes Recommendations For Animal Rabies Prevention And Control

CDC published "Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, 2007: National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc. (NASPHV)" in the April 6 issue of MMWR Recommendations and Reports. The introductory paragraphs are reprinted below.

Rabies is a fatal viral zoonosis and a serious public health problem. The disease is an acute progressive encephalitis caused by a lyssavirus. Multiple viral variants are maintained in wild mammal populations in the United States, but all mammals are believed to be susceptible to the disease. For purposes of this document, use of the term "animal" refers to mammals.

The recommendations in this compendium serve as a basis for animal rabies-prevention and -control programs throughout the United States and facilitate standardization of procedures among jurisdictions, thereby contributing to an effective national rabies-control program. This document is reviewed annually and revised as necessary. These recommendations do not supersede state and local laws or requirements. Principles of rabies prevention and control are detailed in Part I; recommendations for parenteral vaccination procedures are presented in Part II, and all animal rabies vaccines licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and marketed in the United States are listed in Part III.

To obtain a web-text (HTML) version of the recommendations online, go to:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5603a1.htm>

To obtain a ready-to-copy (PDF) version, go to:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5603.pdf>